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OF GROWTH FACTORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the subject application on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19- 21 without prejudice to Applicant's ability to pursue the subject matter of these claims in the future.

Please amend claims 4-5, 10-11 and 16-17 by deleting the bracketed matter and inserting the underlined matter as follows:

a. 4. (AMENDED) Use according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 3 wherein said soluble receptor is in the form of a receptorbody.

5. (AMENDED) Use according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 4 wherein said growth factor is BDNF or NT-3 and the soluble receptor is the extracellular domain of TrkB or TrkC.

9. 10. (AMENDED) A pharmaceutical composition according to [any one of claims 7 to 9] claim 7 wherein said soluble receptor is in the form of a receptorbody.